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No. CPD-23014/5/2025-CPD

Government of India

(भारत सरकार)

Ministry of Coal

(कोयला मंत्रालय)

Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, the 21st November, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC (LT) No. 05/2025

The undersigned is directed to say that the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector (SLC/LT No. 5/2025) to consider the requests for coal linkages to States / Central Sector Power Plants and to review the status of existing coal linkages / LoAs and other related matters is scheduled to be held on 04.12.2025 at 11.00 a.m. Venue for the meeting is Coal India Limited, Core 6, 6th Floor, Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. Agenda item for the meeting is enclosed herewith.

2. It is, therefore, requested to make it convenient to attend the meeting.

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To

1.	Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal	Chairperson
2.	Principal Advisor (Energy), NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhawan New Delhi	Member
3.	Joint Secretary (Coal), Ministry of Coal	Member
4.	Advisor (Projects), Ministry of Coal	Member
5.	Joint Secretary (Thermal), Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
6.	Joint Secretary (Ports), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi	Member

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PRADEEP RAJ NAYAN

Date: 21-11-2025

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7.	Executive Director, Coal, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi	Member
8.	Director (Marketing), Coal India Limited	Member
9.	CMD's SCCL, BCCL, CCL, ECL, MCL, NCL, SECL & WCL	Members
10.	Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd., Gondwana Place, Kanke Road, Ranchi	Member
11.	Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, RK Puram, New Delhi	Member
12.	Chairman, NTPC, Scope Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003	Member

Copy to (with the request to attend the meeting):

- i. Director (P&S-I & II) & Director (NA)
- ii. Coal Controller, Coal Controller Organization, Delhi

Copy also to:

- i. Director (Technical), Coal India Limited, Kolkata
- ii. GM (S&M), Coal India Limited, Kolkata
- iii. GM (S&M), Coal India Limited, Delhi

Copy also to:

- i. PSO to Secretary (Coal)
- ii. PPS to Additional Secretary (SKJ)
- iii. PPS to Joint Secretary (CPD)
- iv. PS to DS (CPD)
- v. NIC, Ministry of Coal – with the request to place it on the website of Ministry of Coal for information of all concerned.

Encl: (1)

Agenda for the meeting of the Standing Linkage Committee (Long-Term) for Power Sector – SLC/LT No. 05/2025.

Sl. No.	Issue
Agenda Item No. 1: Extension of Bridge Linkage of Barauni – II (2 x 250 MW) of NTPC:	Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 27.08.2025 has requested to consider the request of NTPC for extension of bridge linkage of Barauni Stage-II (2 x 250 MW) TPS of NTPC linked to Badam coal mine for one year to avoid the loss of generation. Ministry of Power has informed that Badam coal block was transferred to NTPC on 02.09.2019 to meet the coal requirement of its Barauni Stage II TPS (2 x 250 MW) and both units are under commercial operation. Ministry of Power has stated that the Badam coal block is under development and the constraints in the development of this block are mainly due to delays in land acquisition and R&R. Ministry of Power has informed that the FC Stage-II of the Badam coal mine was obtained on 19.04.2024, and the FC was transferred from NTPC to NTPC Mining Limited (NML) on 30.04.2025. Further, Mining Lease deed has been signed in name of NML on 24.05.2025. Mine opening permission has been applied on 01.07.2025 and the same is awaited. The mining operations are anticipated to commence in Q3 of FY 2025-26 and the coal production is expected by Q4 subject to the early receipt of mine opening permission. Further, the tentative coal production from the Badam coal mine in FY 2025-26 is estimated to be 0.5 MT, on best effort basis. SLC (LT) in its meeting held on 16.08.2024 had recommended for extension of Bridge Linkage for the Barauni Stage II TPS (2 x 250 MW) of NTPC for a period of 1 year on tapering basis from Coal India Limited. Office of Nominated Authority vide O.M dated 03.09.2025 has informed that the Badam coal mine was earlier allotted to M/s Bihar State Power Generation Company Limited (BSPGCL) vide Allotment order dated 31.08.2015 for End Use Plant (EUP) as Barauni Stage II TPS (2 x 250 MW) and thereafter, the said coal mine along-with the Specified EUP has been assigned to NTPC through Deed of Adherence dated 05.07.2019 between NA, NTPC Limited (Assignee) and BSPGCL (Allottee) and corrigendum to allotment order was issued on 02.09.2019. Further, the Badam coal mine along-with EUP was transferred to NML vide Deed of

	Adherence dated 27.09.2023 and Allotment Order was amended on 04.01.2024. Nominated Authority has informed that the Badam coal mine has not been operationalized so far and the scheduled date of operationalization was 30.04.2019. Further, Nominated Authority has informed that the application of Mine Opening Permission was submitted on 01.07.2025, and the Mine Opening Permission has not been granted yet. SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.
Agenda Item No. 2: Coal linkage to the State of Gujarat under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy:	Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 06.08.2025 and subsequent O.M dated 04.09.2025 has requested to consider the request of Torrent Power Ltd. (TPL) for earmarking of coal linkage to Gujarat for 362 MW for expansion capacity of TPL considering the request of Government of Gujarat for release of space of Ash Pond Land of Sabarmati Thermal Power Plant (STPP) of TPL located at Ahmedabad to develop a State-of-the-art sports facility to host sports events of international level. Ministry of Power has recommended to consider earmarking of coal linkage to the State of Gujarat under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) (c) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025. TPL has informed that Ash pond is an integral part of Sabarmati TPP and it would not be possible to operate the plant without Ash pond. Ministry of Power has stated that the STPP of TPL has an installed capacity of 362 MW, consisting of three units and has linkage of 1.329 MTPA from SECL and PPA under Section 62 with distribution utilities of TPL. Further, as per RA studies, 800 MW coal based installed capacity would be required by FY 2030-31 to meet the requirement of distribution utilities of TPL. Further, RA studies also mentions that units of STPP (362 MW) have already completed about 35-45 years and are approaching the end of their technically viable and economically efficient operational lifespan. Ministry of Power has informed that in case of STPP (362 MW), expansion under para 5.2 of Tariff policy 2016, is allowed for additional capacity of 362 MW. However, considering that existing land is required for developing a State-of-the-art sports facility, Govt. of Gujarat vide letter dated 17.02.2025 has specified that additional capacity of 362 MW is to be established at different site and linkage for the same may be allocated under SHAKTI Policy read with para 5.2 of the Tariff policy, 2016. Ministry of Power has also informed that the Para 5.2 of Tariff Policy 2016 allows expansion of generating capacity by private developer keeping in view of benefits of sharing of infrastructure of existing project. However, the proposed case doesn't have the advantage of shared infrastructure. Further, at present, there is no guidelines (in Tariff Policy) for expansion of existing generating capacity, in

	case of shifting of power project from one location to another. Ministry of Power has stated that considering the fact that TPL has been compelled to shift their plant from existing location, the request of Government of Gujarat to allocate coal linkage for 362 MW expansion capacity of TPL against PPA under Section 62, may be considered as a special case. Ministry of Power has also stated that the FSA for the existing units of STPP (362 MW) is going to expire in 2029. However, there is a provision of extension of issue of FSA if mutual agreement arrived between SECL and TPL. Ministry of Power has suggested that the issue of continuation of coal linkage, in case of shifting of existing plant (362 MW existing capacity) may be deliberated in SLC (LT). Coal linkages to the Power Sector are presently granted under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025. Under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, coal linkage to a State is earmarked under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Policy as per their request and on the recommendation of Ministry of Power. SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.
Agenda Item No. 3: Coal linkage to the State of Haryana under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Revised SHAKTI Policy:	Ministry of Power vide O.M dated 04.11.2025 has requested to consider the request of Government of Haryana and earmark coal linkage to the State of Haryana under Window-I of Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025 for utilizing the coal at the proposed 800 MW expansion unit at Rajiv Gandhi TPP, Khedar (Hisar) of Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited (HPGCL) to meet the future power requirement of the State. Ministry of Power has stated that the proposed 800 MW unit will be set up as an expansion capacity of already existing 2 x 600 MW capacity at Rajiv Gandhi TPP. Ministry of Power has also stated that as per the Revised Resource Adequacy Plan for the State of Haryana for the period 2024-25 to 2034-35, the State of Haryana is required to have an additional coal-based capacity of 3766 MW by FY 2034-35. Further, the required additional coal-based capacity of 3766 MW is over and above the under construction capacity of Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram (DCR) TPP Extension (1 x 800 MW) of HPGCL at Yamunanagar. Coal linkages to the Power Sector are presently granted under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, 2025. Under the Revised SHAKTI Policy, coal linkage to a State is earmarked under Para 2 (II) (A) (ii) of the Policy as per their request and on the recommendation of Ministry of Power. SLC (LT) to take a view in the matter.